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#### JOHN SCOUT.

John Scout, according to the War Office Papers, was born in America in 1755. He was stated to be 5 feet, 8 inches in height. He enlisted in Jessup's Loyal Rangers in September, 1780, and began his service at Crown Point, on Lake Champlain. His wife and small son followed him in August, 1781, and were housed as refugees in St. John, Quebec.

Scout saw service with his regiment at Vercheres in 1782, at Riviere du Chene in Jan., 1783, and at Isle aux Noix in July of the same year. Mrs. Scout was also at Isle aux Noix at that time, with two children, a son and a daughter, both under six years of age.

A list of refugee Loyalists provisioned in Quebec Province in the late Autumn of 1783 reveals that Scout had been a farmer on leased lands in New York. It also confirmed that there were two children under six years of age, a son and a daughter.

John Scout and his family, consisting of himself, his wife, and one son, were among the first settlers in Ernesttown Township in June, 1784. By this it is noted that the small daughter must have died before the settlement. A third child, Augustus, was baptized in Ernesttown on 28 Sept., 1788, son of John and Mary.

A final report closes out the information regarding John Scout and his family. In July, 1790, he applied for additional lands. The Land Board of the District noted that he had sold his 100 acre lot, being the east half of lot 17, in the first concession of Ernesttown, to William Cottier, prior to the return of the Scout family to the United States. It is easy to believe that the Scouts, in particular Mrs. Scout, had suffered greatly by the Revolution. They had lost an infant daughter in a strange land where there was nothing in the line of comforts, where hard labor, with little to show for it, was the foremost consideration.

There are no further records of this family. Their children, none of whom appear to have applied for lands, were:

1. a son, unnamed, born about 1780.
2. A daughter, born in 1783, who must have died in 1784.
3. Augustus, baptized by Rev. John Langhorn at Bath 28 Sept., 1788.

There were likely other children born in the United States, whose names are unknown.



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Scout, John = Mary

→ Augustus 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 9.28.1788

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A wife and one child; soldier loyal Rangers.

Boy claim soldiers -

L. B. O.

John 7.20.90 of Ernest Town, prays for additional bounty. The Ld. Bd. of Mecklenburg, having been informed that the petitioner had sold his improved lot, with a view of removing his family into the States, are of opinion that it would be contrary to the spirit of their instructions to grant the bounty in this case. The Committee supposing that the petitioner was admitted as a loyalist who took the Oath of Allegiance, and subscribed the declaration, are of the opinion that if he has improved his first lot he is entitled to the bounty.

1.7.91 This Committee also concurs in the case of John Scout.

Ernesttown Muster Roll, Oct. 7, 1784

John 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 3 2½ 100 On their lds.

Hand. Papers (May 1941)

John 134.4, 166.37.40.48.59.62A

~~Ret. Uninc. boy & fam at & dependent on St. Johns, Chamberlay, Isle aux noix & Dutchman's Pt. St. Johns 25 May 84~~

Ret. of late boy Rangers at St. Johns 25 May 1784

John 1 1 2 4 <sup>ch total</sup> Destined for Calanague, is of Maj. Pennyp's Corps & proc 24 May but has not any bedding.







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John cont'd

Gen Ret dist. Long rec. prov. gratis 25 Aug - 24 Sep, 181

John 0 1 0 1 0 0 perhaps 1st Johns new comers.

do do do do 24 Mar 183

John 0 1 1 1 0 0 L.R. Isle aux Noix

do do do do 24 Jul 183

John 0 1 1 1 0 0 L.R. Isle aux Noix.

Gen list Ret long rec prov. excl those granted &amp; res. at Cap Ports

John 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1

LR John 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 N.Y. Farmer lease Lds

✓ John 1

## War Office Papers

Return of King's Loyal Americans commanded by Lt Jessup

24 Oct 1780

John Scout

stationed at Crown Point

Remarks on Capt Jonathan Jones Coy L.R. Vouchers 1 Jan 1782

John Scout, b. America age 26 5'8" 1 yr. 4 mo. Service

ditto

2 Jan 1783

John Scout, b. America age 27 5'7" 2 yrs. 6 mo. Service Riv. du Chêne

Fit for Active Service in Return of 24 Feb 1783 at Rivière du Chêne

